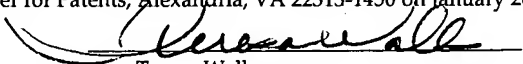


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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 27, 2005, please amend the above-referenced application as follows. Accompanying this communication is a petition to extend the prosecution for 3 months including the appropriate fee.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.